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In terms of distance from home the Job Corps was a new experience more for women than men, more for Negroes than whites, and more for the younger than the older dropouts. Among the graduates 53% said the Job Corps was the first time away from home.

Observation: If the new experience of being such a distance from home was a significant factor in the drop out problem one would expect to find more than a six point difference between the Corpsmen who graduated and those who dropped out. Also one would expect to find more of those in for the shortest time away from home for the first time. But just the reverse is true. It must be concluded that being away from home for the first time is not an important factor in the drop out problem.

Length of Time In Job Corps

The drop outs stayed in the Job Corps less than half as long as the graduates:

LENGTH OF TIME IN JOB CORPS

(Base: Total)

	Total %	Men %	Women %	Negro %	White %	Urban %	Conservation %	Graduates	
								Men %	Women %
0 - 2 mos.	44	45	27	43	47	40	48	14	0
3 - 6	41	40	48	41	40	38	43	34	33
More than 6 mos.	15	15	25	16	13	22	9	52	67
Median mos.	2.4	2.4	3.5	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.1	7.2	8.3

Negroes stayed somewhat longer than whites, women longer than men, and those in urban camps longer than those in Conservation camps.